

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Enclosed herein are Replacement Sheets of formal drawing Figures 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B, which have been amended herein to include a --Prior Art-- legend, because only that which is old is illustrated therein.

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 7-8 are pending in this application. By this Preliminary Amendment, Claim 1 is amended and Claims 4-6 canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Because support for the amendments to Claim 1 is provided in Claims 4-6 and originally filed Figures 1, 2B, 3A-3B, and 5A-5B of the present application, Applicant respectfully submits that no new matter is presented herein.

Personal Interview

Applicant respectfully acknowledges and appreciates the courtesies extended to Applicant's representative by Examiner Nguyen during the personal interview conducted on January 12, 2006.

Drawings

In the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, Figures 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B were objected to and required to include a --Prior Art-- legend because only that which is old is illustrated therein. Enclosed herein are Replacement Sheets of formal drawing Figures 7A, 7B, 8A and 8B, which have been amended herein to include a --Prior Art-- legend, because only that which is old is illustrated therein.

Claims 1-3 and 7-8 Recite Patentable Subject Matter

In the Office Action dated November 2, 2005, Claims 1-8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Number 4,938,463 to Miyamoto in view of U.S. Patent Number 4,817,925 to Sprang et al. (Sprang), and further in view of the Admitted Prior Art (APA) in page 1 of the specification. Applicant respectfully submits the applied art of record does not teach or suggest each and every feature recited by pending Claim 1, as amended herein.

Pending Claim 1, as amended herein, recites a liquid sealed mount device including a first mounting member; a second mounting member made of resin; an elastic material bridging a gap between the first mounting member and the second mounting member; a diaphragm for forming a liquid chamber sealing the liquid together with the elastic material, wherein the diaphragm includes a frame member, a main body bonded to a first surface of the frame member, and a covering portion bonded to a second surface of the frame member; a partition wall for partitioning the liquid chamber into two liquid chambers; and an orifice provided in the partition wall for communicating the two liquid chambers, wherein the elastic material is vulcanized and bonded integrally with and directly contacts the first mounting member and a metallic barrel member for caulking and fixing the diaphragm, wherein the second mounting member is formed by injection molding a resin material on an outer circumference surface of the elastic material, in which a seal is provided between the metallic barrel member and the diaphragm by caulking a peripheral edge part of the diaphragm with the metallic barrel member, wherein the covering portion defines a seal member which directly engages the metallic barrel member and the second surface of the frame member, and wherein the partition wall is supported by the second mounting member via the elastic material, and caulked and fixed thereto by the metallic barrel member via the frame member from the opening side thereof.

Wherein the second mounting member is formed from resin, the partition wall and the second mounting member deform differently by the difference between the temperature characteristics thereof, making it possible to absorb the difference between

the deformation by the elastic material. Since the elastic materials are arranged at the gaps between the respective members, the sealing ability of the device is improved.

Applicant respectfully submits Miyamoto, Sprang and the APA, alone or in any combination thereof, fail to teach or suggest each and every one of the features recited by Claim 1, as amended herein, and therefore do not provide the benefits derived from such a structural arrangement.

To establish *prima facie* obviousness, each feature of a rejected claim must be taught or suggested by the applied art of record. See M.P.E.P. §2143.03. Since Miyamoto, Sprang, and the APA, alone or in combination, fail to teach or suggest all of the features recited by Claim 1, Applicant submits Claim 1 is not rendered obvious in view of Miyamoto, Sprang and the APA and should be deemed allowable.

Claims 2-3 and 7-8 depend from Claim 1. It is respectfully submitted that these dependent claims be deemed allowable for at least the same reasons Claim 1 is allowable, as well as for the additional subject matter recited therein.

Conclusion

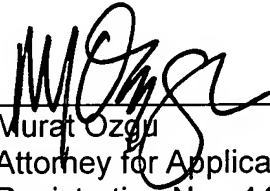
In view of the foregoing, reconsideration of the application, withdrawal of the outstanding objection and rejection, allowance of Claims 1-3 and 7-8, and the prompt issuance of a Notice of Allowability are respectfully solicited.

Should the Examiner believe anything further is desirable in order to place this application in better condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Prompt and favorable examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

In the event this paper is not considered to be timely filed, the Applicant respectfully petitions for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension, together with any additional fees that may be due with respect to this paper, may be charged to counsel's Deposit Account No. 01-2300, **referencing docket number 107355-00113.**

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